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**Philip C. Wakeman, and the National Right to Work
Legal Defense and Education Foundation, Inc.,**

Complainants.

and

**Laborers' International Union, National Postal Mail
Handlers Union Division,**

Respondents.

COMPLAINT

Facts:

1. Complainant Philip Wakeman is a mail handler for the United States Postal Service (USPS) and works at the Nashua, New Hampshire USPS postal facility. He was previously a member of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU or "Union"), which on information and belief is a division of the Laborers' International Union.
2. Complainant National Right to Work Legal Defense and Education Foundation, Inc. provides free legal aid to employees who suffer an abuse of unionism. An abuse of compulsory unionism includes the use of monopoly power of exclusive representation to mislead and coerce employees into compromising their political autonomy.
3. Respondent Laborers' International Union and its NPMHU division are labor organizations as defined in 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(1). The NPMHU was the exclusive monopoly bargaining representative for Philip Wakeman while he was a member of the Union.

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4. Respondent National Postal Mail Handlers Political Action Committee (NPMH PAC) is a political committee as defined in 2 U.S.C. § 431(4).

5. In June 2006, Mr. Wakeman, who was not a member of the Union, tendered a check to Michael Normandon, the treasurer of a local of the Union, in the amount of \$429.00 in payment of his union dues for one year. A copy of that check is attached to the Wakeman affidavit.

6. According to the District Treasurer of the Union, Tim Dwyer, the Union ultimately received Mr. Wakeman's check in October 2006 and assigned November 6, 2006 as the effective date of his Union membership.

7. In October of 2008, Mr. Wakeman learned from a stranger that she had found his telephone number on the Internet. She suggested to him that he should do a "Google" search of his name because of the interesting results. This suggestion aroused his interest and in October 2008, he did a Google search for his name on the Internet. That search revealed that on January 5, 2007, the NPMHU made a political contribution of Mr. Wakeman's \$429 dues check to the NPMH PAC in Mr. Wakeman's name. Mr. Wakeman never made this contribution or agreed to it. Mr. Wakeman first learned of this information as a result of his Google search. Attached to Mr. Wakeman's affidavit is a copy of the report of his contribution which he found on the internet.

Law:

COUNT I

8. As recited above, the NPMHU used Mr. Wakeman's annual dues, which were required for membership in the Union, as a political contribution to the NPMH PAC. Thus, the NPMHU violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) which prohibits labor unions from making a "contribution

or expenditure in connection with any [federal] election." Additionally, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(3)(A) specifically prohibits contributions to the NPMH PAC being made from "dues, fees, or other moneys required as a condition of membership in a labor organization."

COUNT II

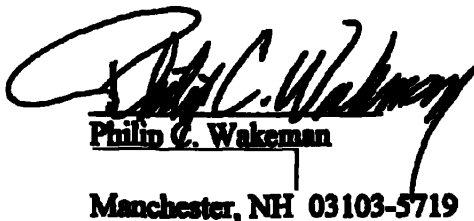
9. As recited above, the NPMHU made a contribution to the NPMHU PAC in the name of Philip C. Wakeman without his prior permission or knowledge. This violates 2 U.S.C. § 441(f) which specifically prohibits campaign contributions made in the name of another person.

COUNT III

10. As recited above, at the times which Mr. Wakeman wrote the check, tendered the check, or the Union received the check, he was not a member of the Union. To the extent which the Union intended to use his money as a contribution to the NPMH PAC, it violated § 441b(b)(4)(A)(ii) by soliciting a contribution from an individual who is not a member of the Union and it violated § 441b(b)(3)(B) by failing to inform Mr. Wakeman of the nature of the solicitation.

Remedy:

11. The complainants request that the Federal Election Commission investigate these allegations and take all available steps to enforce the law, prevent future violations of the law, and recover the money that Mr. Wakeman paid that was used for improper purposes.


Philip C. Wakeman
Manchester, NH 03103-5719

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of New Hampshire, personally appeared Philip C. Wakeman, who swore under penalties of perjury that based on his personal knowledge, as reflected in the attached affidavit, or upon information and belief, that the contents of this complaint are true and subscribed to the same on the line provided for his signature.



Notary Public

DEBORAH LYNN CHABOT
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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, personally appeared Stefan Gleason who swore under penalties of perjury that based on his reading of the attached affidavit, or upon information and belief, that the contents of this complaint are true and subscribed to the same on the line provided for his signature.

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Respectfully submitted,



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